

Appl. No. 10/810,129
Amdt. dated January 12, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 30, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please change the Title of this invention from "A Dispenser" to "A DISPENSER FOR HOUSING A PLURALITY OF FOLDED WET WIPES", as recommended by the Examiner.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

– A second problem is that once the leading edge is located, it may be difficult for the consumer to grasp hold of sufficient substrate material and maintain a grab thereof in order to separate a single wet wipe sheet from the stack upon which it rests. The consumer often is only able to grasp a small portion of the leading edge such that a tight grip thereof is not established and hence the wet wipe sheet easily slips from the fingers of the consumer. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

– In preparing the wet wipe 12, the liquid composition is applied to at least one surface of the substrate material. The liquid composition can be applied at any time during the manufacture of the wet wipe 12. Desirably, the liquid composition can be applied to the substrate after the substrate has been dried. Any variety of application methods that can evenly distribute lubricious materials having a molten or liquid consistency can be used. Suitable methods include spraying, printing, (e.g. flexographic printing), coating (e.g. gravure coating or flood coating), extrusion whereby the composition is forced through tubes into contact with the substrate whilst the substrate passes across the tube, or combinations of the above techniques.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

– Each of the wet wipes 12 has a leading or upper edge 22 and a trailing or lower edge 24. The leading or upper edge 22 is designed to be easily grabbed or snatched by reaching into the dispenser 10 with one or more fingers and the thumb. The leading or upper edge 22 can be located along the longitudinal central axis X₂–X₂ of the stack 20 or be located on either side of it. It is also advantageous that the leading or upper edge 22 be visibly apparent. To aid in making the leading edge 22 more visually apparent, it can be formed as a linear line but could be angled relative to the longitudinal central axis X₃–X₃ of the stack 20, if desired. The stack 20 also includes an orderly arrangement of the wet wipes 12, as was explained above with reference to the stack 14. The number of wet wipes 12 making up the stack 20 can also be of the quantity recited above. –

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 36, with the following amended paragraph:

– In addition, the second entrance 36 should have a dimension measured along the longitudinal axis X–X (the width w_4 for the orientation shown in Figs. 1 and 2) which is at least about 0.75 inches (about 1.9 cm) in order to accommodate the width of a user's thumb and index finger. Desirably, the second entrance 36 has a dimension measured along the longitudinal axis X–X which ranges from between about 0.75 inches (about 1.9 cm) to about 100% of the length L_2 or L_3 of the folded wet wipe 12. More desirably, the second entrance 36 has a dimension measured along the longitudinal axis X–X which ranges from between about 1 inch (about 2.5 cm) to about 80% of the length L_2 or L_3 of the folded wet wipe 12. Still more desirably, the second entrance 36 has a dimension measured along the longitudinal axis X–X which ranges from between about 1 inch (about 2.5 cm) to about 60% of the length L_2 or L_3 of the folded wet wipe 12. Most desirably, the second entrance 36 has a dimension measured along the longitudinal axis X–X which ranges from between about 1 inch (about 2.5 cm) to about 30% of the length L_2 or L_3 of the folded wet wipe 12. In terms of actual dimensions, as measured along the longitudinal axis X–X, the second entrance 36 can range from about 0.75 inches to about 7.5 inches (about 19 cm) for a folded wet wipe 12 that has an overall length L_2 or L_3 of about 7.5 inches (about 19 cm). Another example would be a second entrance 36 that has a dimension measured along the longitudinal axis X–X which ranges from between about 1 inch (about 2.5 cm) to about 2.25 inches (about 5.7 cm) for a folded wet wipe 12 that has an overall length L_2 or L_3 of about 7.5 inches (about 19 cm). –